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In re Application of

Morishita

Serial No.: 09/619,669

Group Art Unit: 2814

Filed: July 19, 2000

Examiner: Nguyen, D.

For: AN INPUT/OUTPUT PROJECTION DEVICE FOR A SEMICONDUCTOR
INTEGRATED CIRCUIT

Honorable Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 30, 2002, Applicant responds as follows.

REMARKS

Claims 1-27 are all of the claims pending in the present Application. All claims stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as unpatentable over Applicant's Admitted Prior Art, further in view of US Patent 6,274,909 to Chang et al.

This rejection is respectfully overcome by the filing of the enclosed verified translation of the priority document, thereby removing Chang as a prior art reference. That is, the present Application has a foreign-filing priority date of July 19, 1999, whereas the Chang reference has an effective date (e.g., its US filing date) of November 12, 1999. Thus, the prior art rejection is rendered moot.

For this reason, the claimed invention is fully patentable over the Applicant's Admitted Prior Art since the disclosure clearly describes the differences between this prior art and the present invention.

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Further, the other qualified prior art of record has been reviewed, but it too even in combination with Applicant's Admitted Prior Art fails to teach or suggest the claimed invention.

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FORMAL MATTERS AND CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that claims 1-27, all the claims presently pending in the application, are patentably distinct over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue at the earliest possible time.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees or to credit any overpayment in fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

Respectfully Submitted,

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